dairy-microbiology, biochemistry, cattle breeding, nutrition and physiology etc.

Water crisis in Shantiniketan, South Delhi

189. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a Memorandum on water crisis in South Delhi Colony of Shantiniketan, New Delhi-21, from the senior citizens, diplomatic corps personnel including two Ambassadors, residing there and Shantiniketan Resident's Welfare Association (Regd.);

(b) whether it is a fact that drinking water feeder lines of the shortage tank in the colony have been tampered with for making fire-fighting arrangements for a local school although a separate fire-fighting head is available near by, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that this has resulted in the water supply being restricted barely to one hour and few minutes both in the morning and evenings in colony; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct an enquiry in the arrangements made in part (b) above as it is likely to cause contamination and health hazards to the residents of the colony; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking (DWS&SDU) have reported that a representation from the residents of the Shantiniketan colony was received by them on 21-5-1991.

(b) The already existing fire hydrant was at a distance from the school and would not meet the requirements of fire fighting in the local school and hence the Municipal Corporation of Delhi provided an additional hydrant to ensure the safety of the school and the students, from the bye-pass arrangement near Over-Head Tank and it is reported that there is no tampering of the distribution system as such. It is further reported that this has not caused any water scarcity in this colony as this hydrant would be used only in case of fire in the school.

(c) It is reported that no water scarcity has been created in the colony on account of the hydrant. However, on account of the undulating nature of the terrain, some areas may be getting water for lesser hours.

(d) It is reported by DWS&SDU that there is no cause of contamination and health hazard to the residents because the fire hydrant unit is sealed and a proper locking arrangement has been made at the controlling sluice valve which is to be operated only in the event of sudden fire. It is reported that the fire hydrant cannot supply any water to the school authority. In view of this no inquiry is considered necessary.

National Capital Region Plan

190. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on the implementation of the National Capital Region Plan upto 31st March, 1991 and the provision made for the current financial year;

(b) the results achieved therefrom and whether the rate of growth of population in Delhi during the last decade is much higher than in the satellite towns in U.P., Haryana and Rajasthan;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' New Delhi dated the 16th August, 1991 captioned "concept of NCR fails";

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) the measures proposed to be taken to implement this plan effectively and to make it really purposeful?